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TO AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HARTMAN

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CZ

SUBJECT: VISIT TO U.S. BY SPACIL

REF: PRAGUE 2019, PARAGRAPH 7

1. I BELIEVE THAT A VISIT TO THE U.S. BY SPACIL AFTER
A NEW ADMINISTRATION IS SWORN IN WOULD BE PREFERABLE
FOR BOTH SIDES. I THEREFORE REQUEST YOU DELIVER THE
FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO SPACIL:

2. DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I REFER TO MY INTERESTING AND USEFUL VISIT TO PRAGUE
IN OCTOBER 1975, AT WHICH TIME WE DISCUSSED THE
POSSIBILITY OF YOUR COMING TO THE UNITED STATES ON
AN OFFICIAL VISIT. I PROPOSE THAT, IN LIGHT OF THE
RATHER HECTIC SCHEDULE OFFICIAL WASHINGTON FACES IN THE
PRE-AND IMMEDIATE POST-ELECTION PERIOD, YOU POSTPONE
YOUR VISIT UNTIL EARLY 1977. OUR AMBASSADOR WILL KEEP
IN CONTACT WITH YOU AND LATER THIS YEAR ENDEAVOR TO
FIND A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE. I RECALL WITH GREAT
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PLEASURE OUR TIME TOGETHER IN PRAGUE AND LOOK FORWARD

TO OUR NEXT MEETING. SINCERELY, ARTHUR A. HARTMAN

3. FYI: SHOULD CLAIMS/GOLD NEGOTIATIONS DEVELOP AND
REQUIRE SPACIL'S PRESENCE HERE, WE CAN PROPOSE THAT
THE DATE BE MOVED UP. END FYI. ROBINSON

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